

REMARKS

Claims 1-38 are pending in this Application. By this Amendment, claim 1 has been amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

The Office Action rejects claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being unclear for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter.

Claim 1 is amended responsive to the rejection. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection under §112, second paragraph.

II. Restriction Requirement

The Office Action requires restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121.

The Applicants provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-19, without traverse. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement has been satisfied.


III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-19 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Dkt. No. 107101-00051.

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